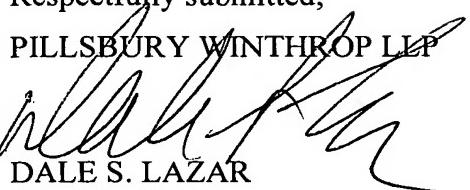


REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, the priority claim has been recited. No new matter has been added.

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